

CALIFORNIA'S CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

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Grapes - California all *grape* production is forecast at a record 6.70 million tons, up 21 percent from last year. Specifically, the *wine grape* production is estimated at a record 3.20 million tons, up 20 percent from last season's crop. The expected *table grape* production is 800,000 tons, up 6 percent from 1999, while the *raisin grape* production is forecast at 2.70 million tons, up 28 percent from last year.

Almonds - California's *almond* production is forecast at 640 million meat pounds, down 23 percent from last year's record crop of 830 million pounds. The average nut set per tree is down 30 percent from 1999. Bearing acreage is estimated at 500,000, an increase of 4 percent from 1999.

Apricots - The 2000 *apricot* production forecast is 95,000 tons, up approximately 12 percent from the 1999 crop of 85,000 tons.

Peaches - The 2000 California *Freestone peach* crop is forecast at 840 million pounds, up 12 percent from 1999, with a yield of 21,500 pounds per acre. The California *Clingstone peach* crop is forecast at 1,120 million pounds, which is up 6 percent from last year, with a yield calculating to 38,100 pounds per acre.

Grapefruit - The 1999-2000 California *grapefruit* forecast is estimated at 16.0 million cartons, up 7 percent from the 1998-99 production.

Lemons - The 1999-2000 California *lemon* forecast is 40.0 million cartons, up 23 percent from the 1998-99 production of 32.4 million cartons.

Oranges - The 1999-2000 California *Navel orange* forecast is 80.0 million boxes, up 90 percent from last season's freeze-damaged crop. The *Valencia orange* forecast is 54.0 million boxes, up 80 percent from last season.

Other Crops - The *barley* production has decreased 23 percent to 148,200 tons. *Oat* production is forecast at 36,000 tons, down 12 percent from 1999. *Winter wheat* production is expected to be 897,900 tons, up 4 percent. *Durum wheat* production is 276,450 tons, 3 percent above 1999.

The next production report will be issued August 11, 2000.